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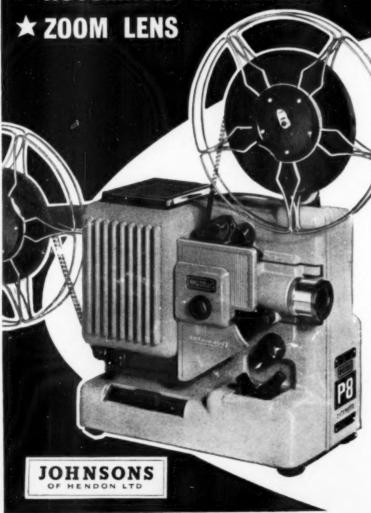
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New Brownie 8 in Paris

SHOWN AT THE Paris Biennale is a new model of the Kodak Brownie 8 cine camera. Instead of the f/2·7 lens fitted on models currently available in this country, the new version has an f/1·9 lens. The models on display in Paris were made in America, but it is very likely that a British made version will no doubt appear in this country "in due course."

Sankyo 8-Z Auto Zoom

TO BE THE "standard" 8mm. movie camera in the Sankyo line is the new 8-Z Auto Zoom with f/l-8 lens. Power zooming is provided by two push buttons at the top right hand side of the camera, and the



powered zoom from 10 to 30mm, takes five seconds. Manual zooming is, of course, also possible.

The electric eye mechanism works with films of 10 to 40 ASA. The reflex finder incorporates a split image rangefinder for accurate focusing. The finder can be adjusted to match the eyesight of the user, over a range from -2 to -2 diopters. Nine feet of film are driven by one wind of



the spring motor, which operates at 8, $TV(12\frac{1}{2})$, 16, 24, 32 and 48 f.p.s. There is also provision for single frames.

Unusual in Japanese amateur movie equipment is the provision for backwind, together with a frame counter. Also unusual is the pistol grip. It is designed to be permanently attached to the camera, but folds for fitting into a gadget bag.

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The Malex Club 100 is manufactured by the makers of the Camex 8mm. cine camera and will be distributed in this country by the same agents, Aico Ltd. It is expected to be available here by early next year but no prices are as yet known.



WELL KNOWN for their exposure meters and movie cameras, Sekonic has recently gone into production on their Micro-Eye Zoom 8 Model 53EE. Probably the most significant feature is the use of a cadmium sulphide cell for fully automatic operation, over a range of film speeds from 10 to



320 ASA. It can also be used with manual control.

Fitted with an f/1·8 lens with a zooming range of from 11·5 to 32mm., the 53EE has a reflex viewfinder. Haze and A to D conversion filters are built-in. Power is supplied by a spring motor, and there is a choice of five filming speeds.

9.5mm Package Films

IN OUR ISSUE of November 16, we mentioned that Pathescope will soon be again issuing 9.5mm. package films in Britain. The wording suggested that at the present time there are no 9.5mm. package films available in this country, which is, of course, not so. Many of the leading producers of package films do issue their films on 9.5mm., as well as 16 and 8mm.

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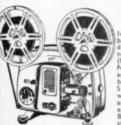
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"So if you want to have a film in next year's Ten Best, why not produce a prectacular? Fither that, or a very

spectacular? Either that, or a very simple family film full of big close-ups. Both would come as novelties to the judges and no-one else is likely to do the same thing."

I have attended a few amateur competitions and to my opinion, some of the judges would do better at the local flower show.

There are far too many "baby on the lawn" films gaining awards to my liking. Judges should visit the professional cinema more often and learn that you cannot allow yourself to get "lost" in the story. You must take note of the photographic standard, direction, lighting, effects and whether the actors are giving a good performance. Gaining marks for one of these points is just not good enough.

Are producers content to make "baby on the lawn" films forever? I'm not! It is about time we recruited some new blood into film making. Let's have films reaching the From Here to Eternity. Imitation of Life and Portrait in Black category.

We need new Alfred Hitchcocks, John Fords and Cecil B. de Milles in the amateur film world. Then we might get somewhere.

Paisley, Scotland. THOMAS D. C. LAUGHLAN

Lamp Efficiency

it is unfortunate that Mr. Postlethwaite in his excellent article on projector lamps should have used the term "cold-light" with regard to the mirror-condenser lamps. Although this Company developed and introduced this lamp, we have always avoided the term.

Other things being equal, the light output and heat from a lamp is proportional to the wattage consumed. The criterion in projection however is screen illumination, and in practice the efficiency of the optical system plays the most important part, particularly in 8mm. apparatus where the physical dimensions of the gate are so small. This accounts for the fact that, very

often, changing from a 500 watt mains voltage lamp to a 750 watt or even 1,000 watt produces no great increase in screen illumination although the heat problem is increased proportionately.

We are concerned not with the light output of the lamp but how much of it reaches the screen, and in the old systems this often did not exceed 2%. This has one advantage in that it can be improved many times, and that is what the mirrorcondenser lamp system does. In practice the 8v. 50w. lamp in the appropriate projector produces screen illumination at least as good as that from the old system using a mains voltage 500 watt lamp. It consumes only 1/10th wattage producing about 1/10th the heat and light, but over 10 times more light reaches the screen. Lamps of this type and wattage do not require forced cooling and so it produces the same screen illumination as a lamp giving 10 times the heat. In this respect only can it be called "cold-light".

A final point. This performance is obtained by efficient concentration of the light from the filament onto the gate. Concentrate light means concentrating heat, and you can light a cigarette quite

easily if it is placed at the nodal point of the rays from an 8v. 50w. "cold-light"

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Focusing and Framing

IN YOUR ISSUE of September 14, Mr. Postlethwaite (Making a Start) says, "The main title should always be fairly lengthy to give the projectionist time to get his focus and framing right". What sort of advice is this for beginners?

Many of us go to a lot of trouble preparing our titles — I know I do — so when our Club spent an evening recently showing members' films and mine happened to be the first to be projected, I did not appreciate the preliminary "focus and framing".

There must be other ways of doing this necessary chore without irritating audiences. Personally I use a small loop film made up from scrap.

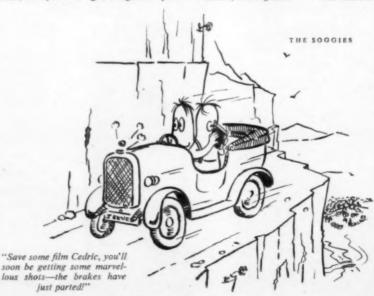
Manchester 11. DONALD CRANE

Identification

WITH REGARD to the various correspondence on "lost films" when sent for processing and those sent in error to the wrong customer, I saw recently in an American periodical the following good advice.

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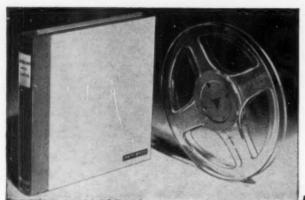
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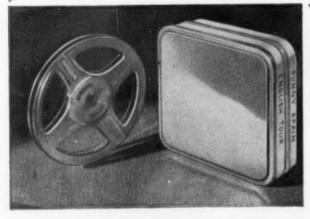
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THE MAGIC STRIPE

THE FIRST thin trickle of commercially produced 8mm. films with magnetic stripe sound tracks is now finding its way into the libraries and the dealers' shops. (See pages 841-5.) We predict that the trickle will soon become a river, if not an actual flood

There is no doubt about it. Stripe makes 8mm, sound films a practical proposition from the commercial point of view, whereas tape loop synchronisers have always been regarded in the film trade as an amateur makeshift. With stripe the sound is on the film once and for all (barring accidental erasure, which is a problem that still has to be solved) and it will stay in sync. even if the film breaks.

The producers of publicity and advertising films are nowadays regarding 8mm, very seriously indeed. They see it as a way of reaching the customer in his own home and also as a way of opening up new distribution networks with the big advantage of easily portable equipment. Their pictures have always played to relatively small audiences so that the traditional limitations of 8mm, picture size is no real deterrent.

It will surely only be a matter of time before some enterprising sponsor begins to issue 8mm. reduction prints with sound-on-stripe. This, in turn, will open up the market for stripe projectors, increase competition and, it seems logical to hope, bring the price down.

Whether entertainment features will ever become freely available for hire on 8mm. is, perhaps, more doubtful. Admittedly the British Film Institute has had an unexpected success with 8mm. versions of such silent classics as The Cabinet of Doctor Caligari and The Birth of a Nation and, incidentally, it's quite a revelation to see how scratches and grain disappear in the process of reduction printing. But the cost of adding magnetic sound tracks to full-length features is quite considerable and, in addition, libraries would have to face the cost of checking the sound after each hiring as a safeguard against erasure or — perish the thought — substitute recordings by practical jokesters. All this would tend to force up hire fees beyond the level which most home users can afford.

Nevertheless, the 8mm. talking picture has now quite definitely arrived and we expect to see further improvements in the supply of stripe equipment and films during the coming months.



Featured on the cover is the new 8mm. Bell & Howell Marksman zoom camera, coming off the production lines at the Mitcheldean factory of Rank Precision Industries. The mechanism is basically similar to the Autoset III, except that no electric eye is provided The zoom lens is an fil.8 of 9-27mm. Exposure is set by the dial on the centre of the front plate. A filter allowing the use of Type A film in daylight is built-in. Price of the Marksman is £49 19s. 9d., including ever-ready case and pistol grip.

how to make STILLS from your 8mm MOVIES

Have you ever wanted to freeze a magic moment from one of your films into a still picture? Here are two practical methods described by H. A. POSTLETHWAITE who has tried them both.

THERE ARE two ways of making prints from frames of 8mm. cine film. The first is to erect a camera in front of a screen and photograph the film as it is projected. The second is to use an enlarger instead of a camera to make the negatives from which prints can be taken.

Either method will produce pictures of the usual snapshot size (3½×2½in.) which will be accepted as quite good by an uncritical or understanding viewer; but, of course, the definition can't be expected to be as good as in a normal snapshot. The width of a

frame of 8mm. film as projected is only one-sixth of an inch, so the print will be a 20-times enlargement of the original cine frame, and there are not many emulsions that can be enlarged to that extent and yield prints suitable for examination in the hand.

Again, whichever method you use, you will be starting from a transparency filmed, most probably, in about 1/30 sec. with a hand-held movie camera. So although you will doubtless choose a frame in a scene where there was not much movement of the

subject — preferably a close-up — it will be extraordinary if it is really sharp. There is bound to be some softening of definition, and colour film by its nature has less precise definition than monochrome.

In other words, a frame enlargement can never be as good technically as a photograph taken originally with a still camera. But it can be an invaluable record of some prized moment that flashes by all too quickly on the screen and will never be recaptured in any other way.

METHOD 1: by back projection

IF YOU PROJECT a film in the usual way and try to take a reading from the screen with an exposure meter, you will probably find the needle won't even flicker. If you bring the projector closer to the screen, reducing the width of the picture to 10 or 12in., and experiment by making a series of exposures, you will find that even with the fastest film (Ilford HPS, for example) you will need to give an exposure of something like 1/20 sec. at f/3.5. With an exposure of that duration you stand a good chance of photographing not one frame but parts of two successive frames which aren't exactly the same, thus getting a double image.

A further drawback is the awkward-

ness of erecting a camera in between the projector and the screen and trying to get a sharply focused image.

These difficulties can both be overcome by employing back projection. If the projector is placed *behind* a translucent screen, and the picture viewed from the other side of the screen, it will be at least four times as bright as when projected in the usual way. So instead of 1/20 at f/3·5, you can give 1/50 at f/4·5, using almost any kind of camera provided it can be focused to 3½ft. or has a supplementary attachment for close-ups.

Moreover, while in photographing a normal screen, the room lights must be extinguished, a little general light won't matter with back projection so long as it doesn't shine on the screen. There is plenty of room for the camera, and for visual focusing it is only necessary to hang a sheet of newspaper temporarily in front of the screen and focus on that.

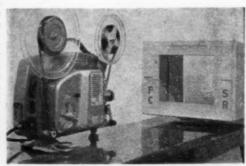
The back projection screen shown in the illustrations is, I'm afraid, a crude affair, but I have the old hand's weakness of constructing a gadget in a hurry from whatever materials are to hand and, if it works, leaving it in its crude state. It would be easy to make this look a lot better, but it serves its purpose as it is.

The carton used has an opening measuring 14×11in., over which tracing paper has been stretched and secured with Sellotape. The box is 13in.



It is easy to photograph an image back-projected on to a translucent screen, which would be considerably brighter than an opaque one, so that exposures on fast film may be as short as 1/50 sec at f/4-5.

A back - projection screen can be made from a grocer's carton and tracing



deep, and a hole, $8\frac{1}{2} \times 6\frac{1}{2}$ in., has been cut in the bottom to pass a beam from the projector for a screen picture 10in. wide, when the projector (20mm. lens) is 4ft. behind it. The picture viewed from the front is, of course, reversed left to right, but to get a right-way-round print it is only necessary to reverse the negative when printing.

This gadget has a secondary use for projecting a newly processed film if you want to see it the moment it is received, for the picture is quite bright enough to be viewed in a fully lighted room. If you wanted to use it regularly for this purpose, you would no doubt make a better looking piece of apparatus, and

perhaps modify it to give a right-wayround picture by incorporating a mirror. (Constructional details of such a viewer were given in ACW on September 14 1961.)

The focusing scale on most 35mm. cameras goes down only as far as 3½ft. If you photograph an object 10in, wide at that distance, the image on the negative will be about half an inch wide. This is quite adequate as the illustrations show but you can get rather better results by using a supplementary lens that will allow the camera to be brought closer to the screen.

If a supplementary lens is used with the camera lens and that lens is set at its hyperfocal distance (red spot if there is one) the lens to screen distance will be the same, whatever camera you use, as the lens-to-subject distance advised for the attachment when used with a fixed-focus camera.

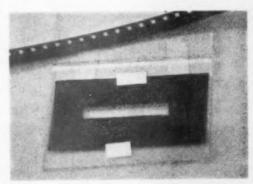
Number 2 attachment which gives a sharp image at 20in, with the camera lens focused at infinity would be very suitable, giving with a 35mm, camera an image on the negative 1in, wide. But don't forget parallax. If the view-finder of the still camera is on top and 1in, higher than the taking lens, the camera will record 1in, less of the subject at the top and 1in, more at the bottom.

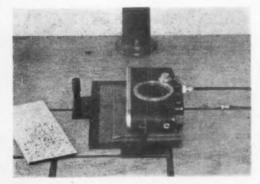
METHOD 2: by using an enlarger



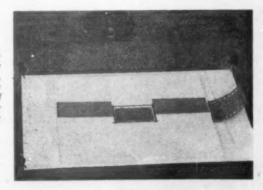
To make negatives for frame enlargements with enlarger, the image is focused on a small card which is then replaced by the camera, without lens. Alternatively a cardboard mask. shown left, can hold the film on the baseboard instead of a camera.

The 8mm. film is sandwiched between 2 × 2 cover glasses.





The camera in position ready for the exposure, and right, the cardboard frame which can be used instead of the camera for holding the film.



The alternative method of making a negative from a frame of 8mm, film is by means of an enlarger. The picture shows the set-up. The frame selected is put in the negative holder of the en-

larger and projected on to a piece of film on the baseboard.

The advantages of this method are that you can select the precise frame to be used instead of taking a pot shot as the film is projected; you can be sure of getting a negative that is as sharp as the original permits; and as there is no screen, there is no difficulty about graininess from that source. The disadvantages are that with panchromatic film the exposure must be made in complete darkness, and the job of fixing the cine film in the enlarger and masking it (essential) is just a bit fiddling.

A 35mm, enlarger is best because the lens to baseboard distance will be less than with an enlarger which has a lens of longer focal length. With a 2in. enlarger lens that distance will be about 16in. to give an image on the negative that doesn't quite fill it.

It is preferable to use a short length of cine film. If you cut out the scene in which the selected frame appears there will be a loss of four frames when you splice it in again, but the short length is easier to handle than a long film on a reel.

To hold the film, take two pieces of clean, flawless glass, such as transparency cover glasses, or cleaned photographic plates, and hinge them together to make a sandwich. To the inside of one glass attach a paper mask in which a hole has been cut Iin. long and I/6in. wide. Anchor the film to this by scraps of Sellotape or Arrowtab on

the perforations, so that the mask will prevent light from passing through the perforations or at the edge of the film. Then—or earlier—make a tiny scratch with a needle along a frame line not far from the frame you propose to enlarge; this is to help in getting critically sharp focus.

Now if you possess a camera from which the lens can be removed, such as the Leica, the problem of holding the film on which the negative will be made is very simple; you focus on a piece of card which is held in a jig on the base-board in the precise position that will be occupied by the camera when this is substituted for the card. For a Leica the thickness of this card should be 3.5mm., which is the distance between the back of the camera and the film. Exposures should be made with a cable release.

Another method for focusing that can be used with cameras with focal plane shutters is to open the shutter (set it on "B" or "T") and actually focus on the film in the camera. Then, turn off the enlarger and close the shutter.

Advance the film to the next frame and make the actual exposure. Although half the film will be wasted, 35mm. film is so cheap that it doesn't matter.

If you do not possess such a camera the film can be held in a frame made of card, or better still of wood or metal. On a base of stiff card, glue two pieces of thin card so that the space between them equals the width of the film on which the negative is to be made. On top of these stick a hinged card so that when a length of film is inserted (in the dark) in the channel between the pieces of thin card, it is masked to cover its perforations (if any) and held fast and flat

If you print on positive film, such as is used to make 35mm. black and white transparencies, the whole operation can be done by the light of a darkroom lamp; but if the cine film is in colour, tones will not be rendered as accurately as with panchro film.

Frame enlargements made in this way should give the best definition that the original cine film permits.

results:

METHOD 1





These photographs were taken from the back projection screen illustrated, with normal 5 cm. lens in a 35mm. camera and a shutter speed of 1/50 sec.



A double image may occur if the screen is photographed with a slow shutter speed—1/20 sec. in this case.

METHOD 2



These two frame enlargements were made with an enlarger.

All frames reproduced were enlarged from 8mm, Kodachrome or Agfacolour films.



Ken Pople TELLS YOU HOW TO

add

sparkle with backlighting

IN THE last article, we discussed how a pleasing lighting effect can be obtained by using two separate lamps -or sets of lamps - one acting from an angle, and known as the key lamp, and the other as a fill to soften the resulting shadows. By varying the intensity of the fill lamp, face shadows can be made dark (low key) or very light (high key).

The term "lighting ratio" is usually

Spotlights are best for backlighting, but at a pinch, even photofloods can be used. although they need to be, as here, well screened from the camera. Note too the toplighting. A photoflood in the ordinary room light can usually be pressed into home service for this. The subject should sit slightly forward of the light, so that it does not cast upsetting shadows on the



used to define the difference in intensity between these two lamps, and the best guide to the required lighting ratio, at least for the time being, is our viewing filter, for we remember that judging the density of shadows by eve can be very misleading.

To help those amateurs who do not possess viewing filters, a rough and ready rule of thumb is sometimes published; this says that for best effects on black and white film, a lighting ratio of between 1:2 and 1:4 should be used. For colour, a ratio of 1:2 is recommended.

To understand what this means, we must first realise that the intensity of a lamp's illumination decreases as we co away from the lamp by the square of the distance. Thus a lamp 4ft. from a subject is giving the subject 1/16th (not 1/4) the light it would give if it were only one foot away. If we move the lamp back another two feet, making it 6ft. from the subject, the illumination on the subject has dropped to 1/36th, i.e., about half what it was when the lamp was at 4ft. This is equivalent to a drop of a whole stop on the exposure meter. To the inexperienced eye, this usually seems quite incredible, but a trial with a meter will confirm that it is in fact so.

If we place our key lamp 4ft. from the subject and the fill light 6ft., what is the ratio between them? Unfortunately, there are two interpretations, and unless the writer defines his basis, confusion can result.

In one interpretation, the key lamp is giving about twice the light of the fill, and the ratio is thus 2:1. If we move the fill lamp back to 8ft, from the subject, the ratio is now 4:1.

There is, however, a different interpretation. This argues that when we



A well-lit close-up to which a touch of backlighting has added life and sparkle to the hand, the wig and actor's right cheek. In fact, it has added too much. and put a rim of light down his nose! The light was coming from left rear of the picture. Had there been a frothy head of beer over the tankard, the backlight would have made it sparkle attractively.

switch on the key lamp the shadow side of the subject is receiving no light at all (apart from stray reflected light) and will therefore come out black on the film. If we now switch on the fill lamp 6 feet away, the whole subject is receiving further illumination. The shadow side of the subject, which was dead black before, is receiving its original light from the key lamp plus that from the fill-in.

Mathematical calculations of lighting values can be so confusing. Personally, I prefer to use a viewing filter and exposure meter, and to try out different combinations of key and fill light. If an exact diagram of lamp positions and distances is noted, and exposure readings of highlights and shadows recorded, the filmed results can be judged in the light of these notes. By this means the film-maker will come to a much surer appreciation of the "feel" of good lighting.

So far, then, we have a key light and a fill light on our subject. We can now take the lighting a step further and add sparkle to our scene with some

backlighting.

Under "backlighting", I include side lighting, top lighting, rim lighting, in fact, any light which comes from behind the sitter towards the camera, and is directed at the sitter.

I know of successful amateurs who boast that they never bother with backlighting. I know professional directors who wince at the very mention of the word, from bitter memories of elaborate shots spoiled by backlights flaring into the camera lens. On the other hand, there are successful lighting cameramen who, given a free hand, would drench their subject in backlight until she resembled one of the haloed blonde heroines of the silent ortho films.

The answer probably lies between these two extremes. A certain amount of backlight serves to lighten a subject's hair, to rim their shoulders, and to separate them from the background. Note how frequently it is used in television, especially in the lighting of announcers.

Unfortunately, effective backlighting needs the use of spotlights. I say unfortunately' because from the amateur's viewpoint, spotlights are expensive, and nothing less than a 500 watt

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spot is much use against the frontal photoflood lighting we have been describing. Such a spot costs in the region of £15, although home-made ones can be made for a few shillings.

Two useful, almost vital, additions are a gauze diffuser and barndoors or niggers for shielding stray light from the camera lens. A good camera lenshood, or a deeply recessed lens mount is also advisable.

Lacking a spotlight, some kind of

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backlighting can still be effected, either by a photospot bulb, or a photoflood, but in this case a substantial nigger or household screen is absolutely essential. Another useful trick is to put a photoflood in an ordinary table lamp, and arrange it as part of the set.

For close-up work, a single backlight will serve. There are no hardand-fast rules for its use. It can backlight the shadow side of the face, or it can be placed high behind the sitter to shine on his hair, although for this, a photoflood in the room light serves just as well, and frees the backlight for an additional effect.

It is a case of experiment, and trial and error. But in my experience, noone interested in lighting who has had the opportunity of seeing what backlighting can do is ever satisfied again with frontal lighting alone.

Keylight, fill light, backlight—these are the three lights by which we make our main subject attractive and interesting. But except in extreme close-ups, we also have to consider the background or setting against which our sitter is portrayed. These, too, need their lights.

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HOW TO EDIT

The Professional Way

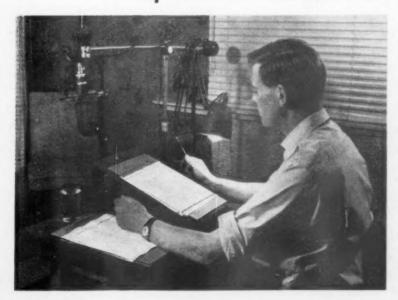
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Matching Voice and Vision IT IS DESIRABLE that the workprint be "loose" so that the photographic matter can be trimmed to fit the final narrative track. Many directors prefer to work this way so the narrator can concentrate on delivery and proper emphasis during the actual recording.

There are still one or two mechanical preparations to make before the actual recording session. The narration script should be a cleanly typed (and double spaced) copy incorporating all changes and re-writes. It should be attached page by page to blotter material so that extraneous paper noise will not be picked up during recording.

Mark the narrator's cues on the nar-

The narrator does not look at the film as a guide to commentary. Instead he depends on cue marks on the script. Note that the script is attached to light boards to prevent the noise of shuffling paper being picked up by the microphone. (Courtesy Kinocrat Films Ltd.)



ration script. These marks are usually slant lines in red pencil immediately ahead of all sections of copy that need to be cued to specific visual sections. Thus, the narrator will read to a mark and wait for the next cue before proceeding. (Incidentally, it is essential that a synchronous projector and tape recorder be used for this work).

Once the recording has started, go all the way through the narration, giving the narrator his cues to read at the proper points in the projected workprint. Keep notes of mispronunciations, wrong emphasis, long copy. noise - any places which are unsatisfactory. Once the entire show is finished, go back and re-do the defective areas. This can be done with a stop watch by re-recording over the bad paragraphs or on a fresh tape. Whichever way it is handled, do the corrections immediately and listen carefully for voice match. The delay of even a few hours can result in a very noticeable change in the narrator's voice quality.

Once the director is satisfied with the complete track, the quarter-inch tape is transferred to 16mm, magnetic film so sound and picture can be placed in the synchronizer for the final cutting. This interlock, whether on a screen, a moviola, or on an editing table, represents the last time changes in the placement of the narration can be conveniently made. Such an interlock will rarely show that no changes are needed. More commonly, sentences will need to be slid one way or the other, scene changes shifted slightly, scenes extended or even replaced. If the changes are extensive, a final interlock is advisable before preparing the sound effects and music tracks.

The Printing Track

When music and sound effects are needed, separate magnetic tracks are prepared — again using the final version of the edited workprint for exact scene and overall length. For synchronous music or effects, it becomes necessary to edit these tracks on the table.

The various tracks are then mixed together and fed to an optical recorder to obtain a photographic printing track. After this is processed, the final preparation of the rest of the printing materials can be completed.

Conforming the Originals

At this point, the edge numbers on the workprint pay off -- in spades. During the editing process, scenes have undoubtedly been shifted and moved about to the point that the edgenumbers (as far as sequence is concerned) are completely out of order. With edge numbers, there is no problem in conforming. The conforming editor goes to the vault and gathers all the original film connected with the particular show. He then breaks the original down into 400ft. reels and labels each reel with the beginning and ending numbers in that reel. He then places all the reels by his editing table and begins conforming. If the first edgenumber on the workprint is A0643, for example, he takes the original reel labelled A0400 to A0800 and runs about 200ft, into the reel - finds the A0643 number and matches it exactly against the workprint and cuts in the scene - allowing sufficient overlap for whatever effect the work-print calls for at that point. This process is repeated until the cutting is completed.

The advantages of this method become obvious when you visualise the laborious method of eye-matching picture content, scene for scene, from an average of 6,000ft. of original to 800ft. of edited but un-edgenumbered work-

With edgenumbering, the workprint serves as a coded set of instructions, a pattern for the finished film. The original film is not spliced into a single roll exactly like the workprint. Rather, it is made into "A" and "B" rolls, one containing the odd numbered scenes, the other the even numbered scenes. During printing, the run with one roll exposes every other scene to the raw stock. The second run, with the other roll, exposes all the missing scenes.

With this system, double exposure effects, such as dissolves, wipes, double-print titles, become possible. Furthermore, splices are hidden by the black leader which is used between scenes.

The show is now ready for the laboratory. If approvals have been frequent and firm during preparation, changes should be of a minor nature. If the answer print results in extensive changes, a second answer print should be made for approval before proceeding with the release prints.

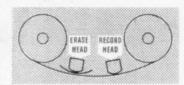
Superimpose without a trick button

IDEA

When using a tape recorder for making a film sound track, one often wishes to build up the final track from several individual items or sound sources. This usually entails mixing inputs together or superimposition. Although the majority of tape recorders

are now equipped with a trick button for superimposing a second recording over an existing one, there are still a number of models in the lower price bracket without this facility. If your recorder is one of these you can still superimpose with the aid of nothing more than a piece of thin card!

The action of a trick or superimpose button is merely to disconnect the erase head, leaving the remainder of the recorder working normally. By inserting a piece of thin card over the erase head the tape is kept sufficiently



far away to prevent erasure, enabling a second recording to be easily added. It is normal for the bias current passing through the recording head to partially erase the first recording, especially at the higher frequencies. But this effect usually passes unnoticed when a commentary is superimposed over a musical background, and the sections without commentary are not passed through the recorder a second time.

A rehearsal to experiment with volume settings is desirable if a satisfactory balance between the two recordings is to be achieved. Mistakes usually mean starting all over again from scratch, and so a trial run is well worth while!

Additional Dialogue

In which we dub new lines on old pictures



Glen Ford in Teahouse of the August Moon

"How do you say 'get off my back' in Japanese?"

R. C. SMITH describes the Birtac movie camera and projector of 1898, which was the

FIRST OF THE MANY

Just a few years after the cinema became a commercial reality, its potential for recording family events became recognised. One of the earliest experimenters in home movie equipment was Birt Acres, who in 1898 produced the Birtac combined camera and projector.

He chose to use 17.5mm, film — standard 35mm, film Edison gauge, split down the middle — Perforations were only on one side, two to each frame, the picture being $\frac{1}{2} \times \frac{1}{8}$ in. The magazine held 20 feet of film, giving a running time of 40 seconds.

The complete outfit was housed in a wooden box about 6 by $6\frac{1}{2}$ by 7 inches, half of which held the camera, the other half containing the driving mechanism and film storage.

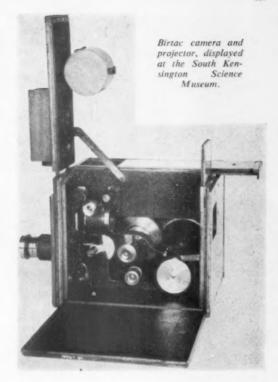
Using the instrument as a camera the magazine was clipped to the underside of the lid. Drawing out a length of film it was threaded over a roller, down through the double gate, over the sprocket wheel and round the lower roller to the take-up spool.

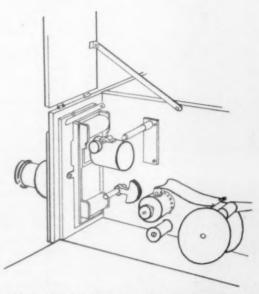
The intermittent motion was achieved by a "dog" movement which hit the side of the film, outside the perforations, and dragged it down. The mechanism was operated by hand through a chain drive and a train of gears.

A Ross fixed-focus lens was fitted, the aperture being chosen by a "Waterhouse" stop—a flat piece of metal with a circular hole inserted in a slot in the lens mount. On top of the box was a viewfinder with a simple lens which formed an inverted image on a ground glass screen set within the small box to shield it from the light.

To use the apparatus as a projector the lid was lifted and held vertical with a brass stay. The lens was unscrewed and placed in the rack-focusing mount inside the apparatus. The sliding panel was removed from the back of the box and the brass cover to the top section of the gate was moved aside. Behind this was placed a lighting unit using an incandescent gas mantle. It was claimed that a picture up to five feet diameter could be projected.

Although an ingenious attempt to bring movie making within the family circle, the Birtac was never a commercial success. The popular beginnings of amateur cine came in the early twenties — when Kodak introduced 16mm. and Pathe brought out 9.5mm. film and apparatus. Both these strictly amateur gauges used safety film. The Birtac used highly inflammable nitrate base film, which together with the gas mantle illumination created a considerable fire hazard.





The 'works' of the Birtac. The half moon shape cam is the 'dog', which provided the intermittant motion to the film. As the film ran continuously through the sprocket, the loop under the gate would tighten up. The 'dog' rotated and reformed the loop, knocking a new frame into position in the gate.



"That's our Actor . . ."



"I like the crisp definition of sixteen millimetre."



" . . . and a haze filter is useful."



"There's my tripod, I always take it with

Two years in the making-One day in filming

That's the story of

THE END

as told by Howard Wyborn

LIKE A HOLLYWOOD PRODUCER, I can claim that The End was two years in the making. Of course, actual filming took only one day, the other 729 representing the time it took the original idea to germinate and to be translated into a coherent movie.

The germ of the idea was a camera specification sheet. I looked through all the features - backwind, built-in filters, variable speeds, parallax correction, etc. What kind of film would result if the cameraman misused all these requirements? And what kind of excuses would he offer when his masterpiece was screened?

I started by listing as many camera gadgets as I could think of, together with the effects of misusing them. To this was added a series of sub-titles. From these still more ideas emerged, such as showing the cameraman's tripod in the picture and the results of a disastrous attempt at home processing. The latter idea came quite easily as I had just tried to reduce some underexposed film after it had been projected several times (I still don't know how all that oil got into the projector gate!)

But here I had to stop. The shots I had listed looked fine individually, but there was no link to hold them together.

A year later I found the missing link. I had just been watching a holiday film in which all the shots of the "actors" (there were only two) were lost through underexposure. So why not make a film in which the actor's face is never clearly seen until it finally appears through the lab punch marks at the end of "unedited" film. From this I completely rewrote the script, "using the chap next door" as the central character. He would suffer all the indignities imposed by a merciless cameraman, with increasingly painful results.

The story was to open with a shot of the actor's legs: -"Ah! that's him, my actor! This next's a better one of him!" The commentator now rambles on about his camera, while the actor taps his foot impatiently, and finally walks away. "Oh, and I've got a backwind", says the cameraman, and the poor actor has to come back in reverse motion to his original position. We let him walk this in reverse rather than actually use reverse motion, to save having to make a cut in the middle of the shot.

A big out-of-focus C.U. of the actor's face follows (taken from 3 feet with the lens focused at 1 foot, accompanied by the comment, "Of course, 8mm. is all right for beginners, but for crisp, sharp pictures give me 16mm. every time!

Next comes a 3-stops-underexposed shot of the actor peering at the camera from the darkness, followed by a similarly overexposed shot. "The sun must have come out!" says the commen-

tator, in surprise.

Getting tired of all this, the actor now tries to get into the centre of the picture, but, — Oh dear! some parallax trouble? Only his left hand side is seen right at the edge of the frame, and moving in doesn't help: the cameraman pans with him, keeping him at the edge all the time and mutters, "he always stands in the wrong place!"

The actor gives up in despair, and leans against a tripod, for which the cameraman seems to have no use—though he says. "I always take one

with me wherever I go?

There is no rest for the actor. He is now driven from the picture by edge fogging which closes in on him like a fire, from both sides. The actor retreats at 64 f.p.s. but "variable speeds are a big help", says the cameraman, and he is suddenly whisked away at 8 f.p.s.

We had to compensate for exposure when we filmed this, which meant stopping our actor in mid-shot, closing down three stops, changing the speed, and then carrying on. We cut out the flash frames, and the cut can

hardly be detected.

A shot taken through a glass sheet

smeared with vaseline ("A haze filter is always useful") is the prelude to worse happenings during which the actor is knocked down by a bad splice. In the final shot, which is supposed to be home-processed, the actor is deluged in a storm of spots and scratches.

I passed this script on to Eric Pollard, our producer at Wharfedale Films, for his comments. He made two important suggestions which I incorporated in the shooting script. One was that the films should start with The End title, as if it were being shown in reverse, and that when the end finally came the film should just die away. His second suggestion was that we replace the sub-titles with commentary, since they would slow down the action too much.

This meant background music also, and what could be more appropriate than *The Blue Danuhe*—that ever popular last resort for when you can't

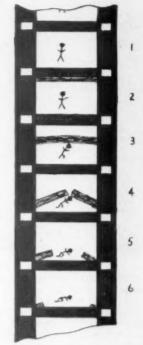
think of anything better?

Eric also criticised some of the commentary which set out to be deliberately funny. He felt that it should be done in a serious vein—the humour springing from the contrast between the absurdity of the visuals and the naivety of the commentator. We made the necessary alterations in the shooting script, from which we never departed during filming.

Once the script was finished we had only three weeks in which to do the actual production if we were going to make the Ten Best deadline. A local actor, Percy Monkman, agreed to "star" in the production and we arranged a shooting season for December 4th. We had only that day for shooting, since after editing the film would have to be sent away for striping and the commentary added.

Of course the rains came. But struggling grimly onward, we managed to find a sheltered spot in the park and despite frequent stoppages caused by showers, all but two shots were in the can by 3.30 p.m. But by that time we were already shooting at full aperture and as darkness fell it looked as if we were beaten.

As despair settled on our little group we suddenly realised that there



In one scene the leading actor was knocked down by a bad splice. Sketch above shows how the 'splice' was drawn on the film with fade solution after the action had been shot.

was no reason why the remaining shots could not be taken indoors. Eric Pollard hastily organised a set of lights and shooting was completed at the local art club.

In all we shot 100ft. of film and practically every bit was used. Editing was simplified because much of the film had been shot in sequence. Once this had been done, I spent until the early hours of the morning adding the "effects".

For the home processing sequence I daubed potassium bichromate and fade solution over the film to get the effect of scratches and spots raining over the poor actor. The "splices" were made by drawing on the film with fade solution, while acidified potassium bichromate solution was used to simulate edge fogging.

All this was done over an illuminated ground glass screen, on which frame line lines were etched for guidance. Each frame was treated individually and this was probably the most laborious part of the whole production.

Wharfedale films on location.



EDITING TRAVEL FII M

DOUBLE RUN

A late evening shot like this—appealing in itself -also helps make a time transition to the next day. It is less backneyed than the usual sunset.

I WASN'T really all that impressed by the 550ft, of colour film I exposed in Holland. To begin with, I was appalled by the shaky camera movement, largely due to hand-holding a light camera in high winds. That's why all those Dutch amateurs were using tripods!

Then I was dismayed by the number of shaky pans and tilts. The only good thing about these was that I had usually deliberately held the camera still for long enough to show my subject clearly before panning away from it, so that I could cut out the pan if unsuccessful. If I take another film like this, though, I'll certainly find something on which to steady the camera, and will only pan or tilt after a careful rehearsal. The most successful pans were, as you would expect, ones in which I followed a moving object, perhaps a boy on a tricycle, past the scene I wanted to show (in this case, fisherwomen squatting down mending a long line of nets spread right along the quayside).

There was a very noticeable difference in definition between L.S. filmed on Kodachrome II and those shot on the other stock I was using. The most effective L.S. of the beach, of course, were ones with a pronounced foreground interest - perhaps children clambering over a rail.

My biggest surprise, though, was the shortage of C.S. and C.U. of people. Not only had I intended to take these, I was firmly convinced I had. Exactly the same thing happened with a club film. The cameraman insisted that he'd taken plenty of C.U's and it was not until we had been through the whole film together that he admitted there was hardly one, I think what must happen is that the cameraman is so busy watching the face of his subject, that he just does not realise what a lot of blank space there is around it. There was even edge fogging where I had not taken sufficient trouble to find a really dark place in which to reload! However, by the time I had eliminated the shakiest and least interesting shots, I had a record that did appeal to the family. Although most of the sequence building was done on the editing bench tif that is what you can call the chest of drawers in my bedroom), I was able to preserve continuity throughout. Even shots that would have been quite incomprehensible by themselves had meaning when linked by commentary. This was not to be recorded, but would simply be off-the-cuff remarks made while the film was being shown, roughly as follows:

Visuals

View from pier of people in foreground looking at the biggest hotel on the sea front, seen in the background (this concluded a sequence about

the new pier)
View of the hotel we stayed in

Interior of bedroom at the hotel, camera pans from bed across room to radio on wall. View from

View window bedroom

Interior of dining room M.S. in hotel Myself, leaving the hotel M.S.

This was the Kurhaus . . . the biggest hotel . .

ours, the Europa as the newest My room had a shower and a built-in radio . .

and this was the iew from it We sat at a differ-ent table every day I wanted to see the fishing harThe sea front

Old fishing harbour Boys clambering over This meant a 20 minute walk along the sea front

No one bothered chase away.

In this way, I bridged the gaps between sequences. Now you could not get away with this in a Ten Best entry (I hope), but the family audience will want a record of what the room looked like and what you saw from the window.

I tried to treat difference sequences in different ways, sometimes concentrating on the Dutch inhabitants (busily eating on the pier, or their children running riot, clambering over barrels, clinging to the backs of speeding lorries, at the fishing harbour), sometimes on details of the place itself (the model town at Madurodam). sometimes on ourselves, the visitors tand here I did obtain a large number of pleasing C.S.) and sometimes on other tourists, for example, busily photographing men, women and children in Dutch costumes at Volendam and Marken). If I went back to Holland another year, I'd know what to look for and be able to plan the shape of each sequence before I started.

Implied Movement

However, in reducing this family record from 45 down to 25 minutes. several interesting points emerged. First, this question of pans. It's not enough to pan with, rather than against, a moving object. You must also take implied movement into consideration. So if you want to show a man shouting to chase boys out of a boat, or tilt from the name of the shop to the shop front, it is better to show the man before the boys, and the name before the shop front. I arranged both my camera movements the other way, and the result is not very satisfactory. I was reading recently in an American book that implied actions can be as effective as real ones in covering continuity gaps. In other words, if your character looks longingly at the sea and the next moment is shown splashing in it, this does not count as a continuity jump as you have implied his intention. I'm still working this one out!

Secondly, crowds often provide most interesting movie material. My best sequence was probably that at Alkmaar, for I was there, in common with thousands of others, on a Friday morning — the day of the cheese market. Apart from the colourful costume of the cheese porters, there were unlimited opportunities for off-the-cuff reaction shots, and there were so many people you could film really close without being noticed. There was a street organ playing and, at different times, I took four shots at it. During editing, I was able to assemble them like this:

M.S. Street organ playing,

C.S. Man collects coins in hat,

C.S. Hammers at back of organ thump out,

C.S. Small boy claps hands in time with music.

It is when you begin to build-up isolated shots into significant sequences like this that the fun of filming really starts. Beginners who take their filming seriously often take great care over individual shots — but it is not the success of the individual shot as much as the total effect of the sequence that really matters. None of my four shots is particularly interesting in itself, but, together, they begin to come to life.

Thirdly, it is surprising what a

difference the slightest trimming—even the removal of a few frames—can make. In my Madurodam model town sequence, I cut from a M.S. of two model ships passing each other to a C.S. of the same scene. At first, the same bit of action was repeated ineach shot—but a few frames from the end of the first shot and the start of the second and the over-lap was removed—and what a difference this made to the flow of the sequence! Similarly by cutting shots of people just before they smiled or waved at the camera, an impression of spontaneity was created.

Fourthly, how effective shots from moving vehicles can be if they are taken from a boat cruising the Amsterdam canals! The glass of the window could be seen but, if a person or some other foreground object was also shown, this did not look out of place.

Ending

One problem I could not solve very satisfactorily was how to end the film. I had not filmed any of the journey home as that would only have repeated the journey there, but had finished up a roll of film on some illuminations. These photographed quite well, but weren't impressive as illuminations go, and they had no interest at all for the family audience. So out they came. Instead I ended, rather lamely, with a shot of us clambering back into a coach after a visit to a cheese farm. If it had been a more ambitious film, I could have cut from the cheese being bought at the farm to the same cheese being eaten at home - but, for family records- purposes, this didn't seem worth the trouble. I used a luggage label on which I wrote Holland 1961 for the main title - and I chalked THE END on the case round it for the end title. All very simple, but ade-

Only one more job remains to be done: to look through the waste one last time to make sure that I have not thrown out anything of real value. It's always wise to keep all waste material until you are quite certain editing is complete. I then delight in throwing it away. More methodical workers carefully file away possible shots for future use—but I'd rather go back to Holland and try again!

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A MOVIE MAKER AT THE CINEMA

BY ALEC GITTINGS

"ANYTHING can be great — bricklaying can be great", declares the hero of The Hustler. In his case greatness is to be found in the pool room. He has dedicated himself to mastering the American version of the game we know as snooker, and when he talks of the nerves and muscles in a cue his face is illuminated with something close to spiritual passion.

Paul Newman and the veteran Hollywood director Robert Rossen, together make this character entirely credible. We meet him first before the credits, collaborating with a friend on an elaborate confidence trick which is entirely dependent upon his extraordinary skill. Only the last shot in the sequence, showing him returning to his friend's car with a satisfied smile and a fatter wallet, gives away the fact that the whole incident has been a well rehearsed bit of conniving between

What is a Hustler?

them.

This, in case we were in any doubt, is what "hustling" really means. The hero's technique is to convince a stranger of his incapacity to make a difficult shot and then to wager accordingly. But this hustler, Felson, has bigger ambitions. The credits themselves give us some indication. A few shots from pool room sequences still to come are glimpsed, then frozen into still pictures as each fresh title appears.

Felson comes to New York to take on Minnesota Fats, America's greatest pool player. After a few formalities the two men get down to play. The game continues through the night and through the next day, with Felson lost in wonder at the older man's poise and brilliance. Yet Felson seems set to win.

The rest of the film tells how he comes to discover that just as anything can be great, so anything can be corrupt. The girl who helps him (Piper Laurie) combines a fair number of Hollywood cliches, being simultaneously an alcoholic and a cripple. She also suffers from having the film's most self-consciously slick lines. "You own all the tomorrows". she tells the

Champion billiard player Willie Mosconi helps Paul Newman to position his cue stick for a difficult shot in The Hustler.

Not just a job, The Hustler is a film for which



Rossen Really Cared

oily manager (George C. Scott), "be-cause you buy them today".

Yet something in her relationship with Felson rings true. From their opening scene together, a quiet encounter in a deserted bus station, there's a frequent sense of two people genuinely concerned with each other. Rossen is generally recognised for the hard assurance that he brings to films concerned with moral corruption. The hardness here is reserved for the relentless pool room scenes.

Discretion and Gentleness

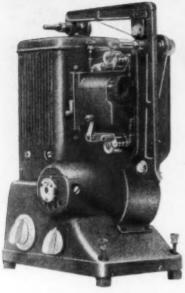
But even the toughest sequences are handled with a sense of discretion. When Felson wanders into a grim little back street pool room and gets his thumbs broken for out-hustling the local hustlers the camera prefers to witness the scene in silhouette, through the opaque glass of a washroom window. The best moments, though, are the gentlest - a hillside picnic where Felson explains his obsession with the game to the girl, or Felson's fervent admiration for the perfectionism of Fats Minnesota. Fats, incidentally, is played with splendid suavity by Jackie Gleason, an American TV comedian unknown here.

Occasionally Rossen takes the lazy

way out. One lengthy montage pool sequence loses all the tension that previous details of the game have previously built up. Even the most gadget-minded will find that the pleasure the pool table scenes give doesn't come from working out which miracles of dexterity were performed by a double and which were aided by invisible threads guiding the balls; but from the much deeper satisfaction of sharing the engrossed attention of the characters.

Rare Qualities

Similarly the whole film should be seen for the kind of qualities which are becoming ever rarer in Hollywood's output - concern, understanding, sympathy. The curious thing is that such stock plot elements as the suicide message scrawled in lipstick on a bathroom mirror, or the heroine's drunken descent of a staircase at a society function never swamp the sensation that what is happening on the screen has something to do with life. Rossen, who produced as well as directed, also wrote the screenplay with Sidney Carroll; and it's obvious that he really cared for the novel by Walter Tevis on which his script is based.



DURING its 26 year history, Specto Ltd. has produced only two basic projector designs. Their first model, in 1935, was for 9.5mm. A 16mm. version quickly followed and in 1938 the firm introduced their first 8mm. projector.

The Specto 500 8mm. projector appeared in 1951, incorporating all the best features of previous models and additional refinements. Because it has many components in common with 9-5 and 16mm. models, 800 ft. spool arms are fitted as standard, and reels of this capacity are listed by Specto. When folded back, the top arm serves as a carrying handle.

Construction

Die cast construction is used, giving the machine a very solid feel. Weight is about 12 lb. Basis of the mechanism is an oil bath gearbox, from which the claws, sprockets and shutter are driven. The sprockets are driven by a light chain. The shutter is unusual in that it has only a single blade, but geared to do three revolutions perframe. The claw movement is also speeded up to 2:1, which gives a useful increase in screen brightness, but at the expense of a slight increase in noise over more conventional designs. A double claw is used, operating on the fourth and sixth perforation below the gate.

In accordance with the custom of a few years ago, the Specto 500 uses a 500 w. 115v. pre-focus base, bi-plane filament lamp. This is fed through a resistance unit located in the lamphouse—both lamp and resistance are cooled by the powerful blower.

Lamp and motor are operated by what appears to be a four position rotary switch. In fact, this control merely operates three conventional toggle switches inside BARGAIN of the week

SPECTO 500 8mm. Projector

the base. There are four settings; off, motor only, motor on with lamp at reduced brightness, motor on with lamp at full brightness. The reduced brightness etting serves as a surge resistor, but the machine can be run at this setting if a small screen is used, considerably lengthening lamp life. The motor is designed for 200-250 v. operation and so runs direct from the mains. Speed control is by variable resistance.

Standard optics for the 500 is a 25mm. Specto f/1-6, giving very good sharpness. Semi-optical framing is used. The lens mount swings out and the book-form gate hinges completely open for cleaning.

While the Specto 500 may not be the "prettiest" projector ever built, it is probably one of the most rugged. Many of them are used by hire firms because of their Capsule reviews of older equipment found on the second-hand market.

ability to stand up under the handling of "ham fisted" customers. Although light output is not up to that obtainable from modern units using low voltage lamps, mechanically it is fully up to 1961 standards. Current price is about £18-21.

A hint as to the age of the projector can be obtained from the finish. Between 1951 and 1956 the finish was grey wrinkle. From 1956 until production ceased it had a grey hammertone glossy finish.

In production 1951-1960 Original price (1951) £39 15s.

An almost identical model, the Popular, was produced in 1955. This is basically the same machine as the 500, but uses a mains voltage 500 w. lamp which gives less light output. Current price is about £15-20.

In production 1955-1960. Original price (1955) £36.

Only if you must

NOT THAT WE recommend it, but should you be one of those unfortunate people who put thier movie camera away for the winter, at least make sure that you do it correctly. Of course, no matter how carefully you do it, you'll miss all those movie making opportunities to be found during the winter months. But if you store your camera incorrectly, you may also find yourself missing more opportunities next spring.

Here are the things you should do:

- Take out any film from the camera. In time, film tends to "set" into the path in which it is held. Later, when you want to start movie making again this film may refuse to go through the camera gate and cause a jam.
- Make sure that the motor is not left wound up. Run down the spring before putting the camera away.
- 3. Take out any batteries from the camera. This is particularly important in the case of pen light cells used for driving electric motors. They may, in time, begin to leak and ooze a very corrosive mush into the innards, causing heavy repair bills. Batteries should also be removed from

- automatic exposure control mechanisms.
- 4. Clean out the inside of the camera—particularly around the film gate area—with a soft brush. Any clinging particles of emulsion can be eased off with a match stick. Never, but never, use anything metallic for this.
- 5. Fingermarks may in time cause acid etch on delicate lens surfaces. Dust off the the lens with a very soft brush, then remove fingermarks with a *small* amount of lens cleaning fluid and lens tissue. It is also a good idea to clean the viewfinder.
- Store the camera in the most used room in the house—the one which you keep heated and free from damp. Never store cameras in cupboards under the stairs or built into walls. These are usually quite damp.
- 7. One last point, if your camera has not been running up to par, take it to the repair shop now. During the winter months mechanics can not only repair the faults you mention, but thoroughly check the camera for any others. Don't wait until just before you need it urgently next year, the mechanics will probably be snowed under with work.

The 9.5mm Reel

BY CENTRE SPROCKET

9.5 mm. Film - 55 Varieties

I have been asked by several readers to give details of 9-5mm. films available on the Continent. Collecting all the information I have. I find that there is the astonishing total of over 50 different packs of monochrome and colour films. None of this film is sold in chargers, all is either on spools or rolls for darkroom loading, the only exception being the Kodak films sold in Webo A magazines. Due to the extra thickness of the colour emulsions, the rolls of colour stock are usually slightly shorter than the corresponding rolls in monochrome, 8-25 m, instead of 9m. and 12m. instead of 13m., for example. It is interesting to note that manufacturers do sell these 13m, rolls although to my knowledge the 'Camex' is the only camera with the special 13m. chargers. It would be interesting to know what response there would be in this country if a manufacturer not connected with the film suppliers were to make a camera with improved loading, but requiring an entirely new pack!

Nine-fivers in Great Britain still have the opportunity of cheap quality filming in monochrome, the cost of the Gevaert 3×9m. rolls brings the price of screen time down to only 6s. 7d. per min., cheaper than 8mm. colour and only a fraction dearer than 8mm. B and W. In France, however, Ferrania sell 400 ft. cans of 9·5mm. colour film at a price which actually makes nine-five colour cheaper! At 80 NF, including processing, this is 8·80 NF less than the 8mm. man must pay for the same running time.

I still have conflicting reports about the position of Kodachrome II, one advert announces its availability in both daylight and artificial types, but Pathe France (who no longer market films. Kodak are now the French distributors) say that it will be available next spring.

Below is a concise summary of films available abroad with the price of the 9m. roll as a guide.

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Hare Force (100ft. Warner, colour cartoon. Cine Accessories £7 17s. 6d.) is another Bugs Bunny adventure, this time with Sylvester, a dog resembling Disney's Pluto, in which a kindly lady takes Bugs in out of the snow only to have him thrown out again by the dog. This goes on and on, hare throwing out dog, dog throwing out hare, until the owner of the house throws them both out. Perhaps because cartoon sound is vigorously unsubtle, it always seems perfect in this series. Moreover because they were made as short features in the first place, the cartoon stories come down to 100ft, with little loss of continuity in all but a few cases. This is one of the better cartoons in the series.

Hare Raising Hare (100ft. Warner, colour cartoon, Cine Accessories £7 17s. 6d.) is a misnomer common to these pictures in that no hare is present but it does feature our old friend, Bugs Bunny. A human cartoon character. resembling Peter Lorre in voice and appearance, lures Bugs into a dungeon with the aid of a mechanical doe of Monroeish statistics. The object of Bugs's affection disintegrates and he is chased by a monster like an animated hearthrug until Bugs finally lands the k.o. punch. In Hare Raising Hare, one is reminded that people rarely take infants to the cinema whereas homes often contain them. There is too much excellently recorded noise and ghoulishness in this one if you have under-sevens about.

Another case in point is Baby Bottleneck (100ft. Warner, colour cartoon, Cine

The sound revolution has at last reached the 8mm. film libraries. Here is a review of some of the first 'package' movies to be released with magnetic stripe sound tracks.

NOW THAT 8mm. magnetic stripe is here to stay, there seems to be no reason why modern feature films should not become available for home showing on the smallest gauge. At present, however, the supply of commercially produced 8mm. sound films is restricted mainly to cartoons and travelogues with a sprinkling of Westerns and slapstick comedies.

We review below a representative selection of short subjects that are being offered for outright sale. Viewed as a series of samplers with which the amateur may pad out the programme when showing holiday films to his family and friends, many of them represent good entertainment value for money.

Accessories £7 17s. 6d.), featuring Porky Pig and Daffy Duck in a spirited adventure with a "Baby Care" assembly line in which young hippos, turtles, unidentified eggs and other embryonic creatures travel along a conveyor belt. Along this they are successively laundered, fed, diapered and even finally burped against a king of all-purpose mechanical bosom. One could feel compassion for the child whose

dreams provide an echo chamber for the tortured laughter which ends this picture.

African Exploits is a series of colour and black and white films which Frank Jessop and Co. are offering in 8mm. sound. The films may also be purchased in silent versions with separate tapes to run at 3½ i.p.s. Springboard of many a travelogue cliché, the subject is as familiar as are the

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faces of David Attenborough, Armand and Michaela Dennis to televiewers. And yet, oddly, out of some good colour work and a few scenes of places which we don't remember seeing before, the titles in this series manage to develop an atmosphere of their own.

Meet the African (56 ft. Colour, £3 17s. 6d. Silent, £3 5s., plus tape 6s.), the first Frank Jessop title for review. opens with some shots of Nairobi and an attempt is made to contrast city sophistication with the Masai nomads who roam the ancient world of the interior. Unfortunately, the editor's choice for urban sophistication seems to have favoured a party of native girls going to church in their confirmation dresses. Cutting from here to the Masai women, brilliantly red robed, their hair plaited with mud gives us not quite the image justified by the commentary.

Pictorial Journey (60ft. colour, Frank Jessop, £3 17s. 6d., silent £3 5s., plus tape, 6s.) we preferred to Meet the African. This contains loosely related series of nature shots, beginning with the beautiful paradise flower, like a water lily on fire; and showing giraffe, zebra, rhinoceros and ostrich. There are also views of the Kampala banana market and the Jinga dam: the whole 60ft, coming off the more satisfactorily because little, if any, attempt has been made at justifying the visuals by commentary.

Animal Kingdom (56ft. colour, Frank Jessop, £3 17s. 6d., silent £3 5s., plus tape, 6s.), a third title in the series, climaxes in Lake Nakuru and an enormous flock of flamingoes, then a lone bird flaming against a bright blue sky. There are crocodiles, the Maisai again, giraffe, elephants and lions (disappointingly sleepy as usual), loosely brought together by a commentary and music. As the first travel series to be offered on 8mm., these African Exploits deserve praise.

Jungle Kings (60ft, black and white, Frank Jessop, £1 17s. 6d., silent £1 5s., plus tape, 6s.), is a very pleasant close-up of the private life of the lions, with nicely spoken commentary and a musical accompaniment reminiscent of Armand and Michaela Dennis, Confining itself to this one brief subject, the lions feeding off a carcass, the male lion going off in search of more food, the film is modest but quite successful. The commentary certainly adds interest here.

Land of Contrast (60ft, black and white, Frank Jessop, £1 17s. 6d., silent £1 5s., plus tape, 6s.), is a more general picture of African life, involving wider views. It is to this extent perhaps less successful than Jungle Kings and the commentary unconsciously expresses the difficulty of bringing together so many diverse illus-

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SQUAWKIN' HAWK-Henery Hawk CA.21 SNIFFLES AND THE OWL-Sniffles the CA.24

trations. "Land of lush vegetation," says the commentator over a shot of three men with heards

Tribal Dances (60ft, black and white, Frank Jessop, £1 17s 6d., silent £1 5s., plus tape, 6s.) is successful in that only one subject is dealt with and the commentary carries an air of clipped conciseness. The visuals however fail to match up and are not improved by the monochrome film stock being used when colour would have been more suitable. The commentary is at times almost facetious, e.g., "Dancing is as much a part of them as their black skins. Africans dance for religious reasons, to make rain, to help their friends and harm their enemies, or even merely to pass the time! Missionaries dislike dancing as being pagan and the bosses dislike it for taxing the African's strength". So says the commentary, and in spite of its rather heavy hunded and fanciful style one tends to be strangely absorbed by the spoken word. The sound consists of the usual commentary and music, and in this instance the visual impact would be considerably improved if we were to actually hear the thudding of tribal feet on the scorched ground rather than faint background music. Sharp viewers will notice the presence of a cine-operating tourist in the corner of the frame in one Native "war dance" scene. One of the dangers inherent in magnetic sound recording is the accidental addition of stray recordings. Here one hears the first few bars of a pop tune as "The End" flashes up on the screen.

Oh, My Aching Tooth (200ft. black and white, Walton, price £7.) is believed to be the first non-cartoon 8mm, sound film with lip synchronisation. Abbott and Costello star in this above average farce which has some quite original moments. The combination of dialogue, sound effects (this is one of Abbott and Costello's rowdiest) and background music tend to be rather oppressive on 8mm, but the actual quality of the sound is very good in spite of the fact that our review copy was shown over 200 times at the Photo Cine fair.

15 Minutes in St. Germain des Pres (200ft, black and white, Cine Accessories £5 10s.) is an example of what could be done, and no doubt is being done, by the amateur who cares to take camera and recording equipment around the jazz clubs. There's plenty wrong with this effort. Grainy and poorly lit, the whole middle of the picture is taken up with slow stripping by a rather lumpish exponent to a background of blues music. The rest of the film shows youngsters jiving to some attractive and well recorded jump music, with close-ups of jazzTAKE CARE OF YOUR FILMS WITH THOMAS' REWIND ARMS

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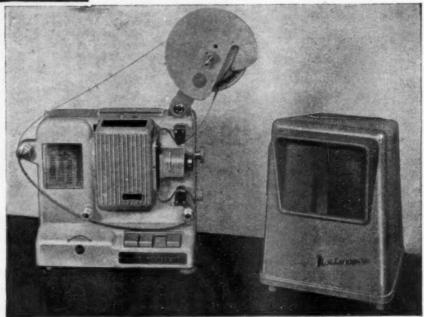
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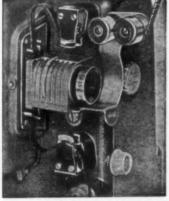
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My Favourite Duck (50ft. Warner, colour cartoon, Cine Accessories, £7 17s. 6d.) is, of course, very safe ground. Excellently recorded, not unreasonably cut down to size, this is a tale in which Porky Pig and Daffy Duck go camping together with some original and quite un-sadistic complications. There's a trick ending in which the picture fades to white, leading you to think it's over. But don't turn up the lights. One of the cartoon characters comes on against the plain white screen and has something extra to say. Children of all ages will revel in this delightful trick which reminds us of Felix and of how much easier it was in his day to see the actors from the trees.

The Return of the Cowboys (50ft, black and white, Cine Accessories £1 12s. 6d.) is cut from what must be among the best wholesale knock-em-down-drag-em-out sequences ever made. One must suppose there is a juvenile public for this thick-ear farrago in which some four dozen men knock the breath out of each other without storyline or climax. We almost lost our front teeth merely watching.

The Last Cartridges (50ft, black and white, Cine Accessories £1 12s. 6d.) featuring Bill Boyd has more excitement than you would think possible to pack into a film of such length. Here is the old formula of whining bullets and desperate men, the bewhiskered comic (Andy Clyde in this 'case, if memory serves us) and a very youthful Hopalong Cassidy making today's T.V. Western heroes look anaemic. A giant among the few who took over from Hoot Gibson, Tim McCoy, Ken Maynard when the talkies began, Bill Boyd comes through this 8mm. experience with lustre (and sound) undiminished. Obviously not made as a short subject, it is a fragment of rousing fun to show at a children's party after you've cleared the breakables.

Booby Hatched (100ft, Warner, colour cartoon, Cine Accessories £7 17s. 6d.) is the story of a duck's egg which doesn't quite hatch owing to cold weather. It gets its legs but cannot see where it is going and sits under a bear. When a wolf decides to boil the egg, it is at last warm enough to hatch out. Ornithologists will



note that the birds in this film have three fingers and a thumb on each hand (no wings). This is cheating on the part of the cartoon markers, but obviously facilitates the drawing of one or two unduckly gestures.

Pigs is Pigs (100ft. Warner, colour cartoon, Cine Accessories £7 17s. 6d.) is a beautifully baited trap for the unwary infant at bed time. Confronted by lullaby music and the daisy sweet atmosphere of a piglet family at play while mother pig

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calls them to dinner (she has a German accent), we are abruptly introduced to a rowdy horror comic in which a pig is subjected to forcible feeding by a series of torture machines in the hands of a skeletal looking demon. When the pig finally explodes from too much forced food, we learn it was all a dream. A pity that Pigs is Pigs is not a dream too.

Venus in the Bath (50ft, colour, Cinc Accessories £3 10s.) is an example of something 8mm, sound can do extremely well. Filmed in France, though it could probably have been done anywhere else, this is a candid record of an artful cabaret act in which a young lady of astonishing suppleness and grace swims around a man-sized goldfish bowl while you wonder how she goes on breathing and smiling so disarmingly. She has golden hair and her scanty clothes, made of a golden chiffon, move revealingly. It is no reflection on this entertainment, we hope, to say that children and particularly small girls would think it very pretty in the same way that they think a pantomime fairy or a white circus pony is pretty. The definition is good and the colour excellent. Having in mind that there must be many good cabaret acts, including music, humour and puppetry, which can be got on to film, it may well be in this area that professional 8mm. can reap its biggest harvest as a home entertainment now that sound is available. A few dozen cabaret turns filmed as

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successfully as this one could make a home film show into an evening of first class music hall. The music in *Venus* provides something of a talking point. Evidently recorded in the restaurant where the act was filmed, it lacks the depth of tone you would get on a studio sound track. It therefore hints at a background which the film audience can't see, without authenticating it.



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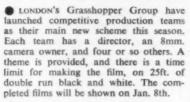
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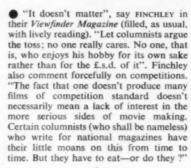
ACW NEWS (5)



● Harassed by technical troubles, DURBAN Cine 8 Club's recent public show was, they admit, "not altogether a howling success". Projector lamps popped like flashbulbs, and with 450 people in the hall, members drove madly through the night in search of replacement lamps. A projector synchroniser went wild and hurled tape into the blackness of the hall while screwdrivers appeared from nowhere and "about forty-five fingers started poking about, and shadowy figures crossed the screen". The Committee make the acid comment, "Members should be encouraged to take turns as projectionists at regular meetings.

● Greatly daring, members of BRISTOL Society dug in the back of cupboards-under-the-stairs to contribute films to a "First Footage" evening. Not surprisingly, on this occasion 9.5mm. films were in the majority. 16mm. entries lent to the Society for the evening included George Sewell's "Smoke"—the problems of a tramp trying to enjoy a pipeful of dog-ends, also a





A new angle on splicing comes from the bulletin of the NEW YORK 8 Club, suggesting cement splices which do not hold may be caused by lubricant put on nlm by the lab. after processing. "If I hold recently processed film under a strong light", writes Fred Furman, "I notice that if I turn it so that the shiny side reflects the light, often the lubricant is not evenly coated but has gathered in little pools". Mr. Furman's remedy? A spot of film cleaner wiped on before splicing.

● Twenty-three years in the making; that's the remarkable truth about a documentary made by New Zealander Noel McWilliams and shown to WELLINGTON Cine Club. The subject is the timber felling industry, in which revolutionary changes of technique have taken place since the film was begun, and so the finished production, say Wellington, "was as much historic as documentary".

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Africans in London, under the leadership of Algerian-born Ola Dosunmu, have been experimenting with a documentary about race relations in the metropolis. Filming took place in West End night clubs, artists' studios in Hampstead, and the West India Docks.

News Briefs

● "Two packed houses", report HERE-FORD about their showing of the ACW Ten Best. "This showed that the amateur film movement is getting more and more support. And new members are coming in".

● Ladies' Sections are often inactive but not at STOKE-ON-TRENT, where they are the first in the club to get under way on film production this season. They're working in 8mm.; the rest of the club plans two 16mm, films this winter.

● "Out of order!" yelled members of WHITEHALL Society, when in a competition for films titled Morning, sundry wily birds tried to palm them off with shots of a sunset. At least this proves, says Whitehall, that some of their members have seen a genuine dawn!

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